

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application. It addresses each of the objections and rejections posed by the examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-34 were examined.

Claims 29-34 were allowed.

Claims 1-19, 22 and 26-28 were rejected variously under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Mann *et al.*, in combination with Umeki *et al.*, or Umeki *et al.* and Ostergaard *et al.*.

Claims 20, 21 and 23-25 were objected to and considered allowable if redrafted to include base and intervening claim recitations.

Applicant has canceled claims 1-19. Thus any rejections thereon have been rendered moot.

Applicant has amended claims 20 and 23 into independent form including all base and intervening claim recitations. Accordingly, these claims should be allowable. Applicant has also amended dependent claims 22 and 26 to depend upon non-allowable claim 20. Accordingly, these claims are now allowable as depending from allowable base claims.

The application should now be in condition for allowance with each of the examiner's objections and rejections being either addressed or traversed. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible date.

Applicant earnestly solicits the examiner to contact the undersigned by telephone to advance the prosecution in any respect.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,

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